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Increasing Hostility Between India and Bangladesh and the Possibility of Indian Military Intervention

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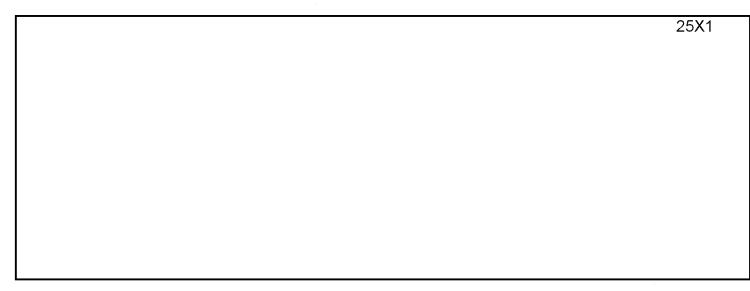
- 1. Recent events in Bangladesh, in particular the wounding of the Indian High Commissioner, possibly by a radical group strongly opposed to the present Bangladesh government, have escalated tensions between New Delhi and Dacca. This in turn has increased the possibility of eventual Indian military intervention in Bangladesh.
- 2. There continues to be no evidence that Indian military intervention is imminent. In the absence of increased harassment of Indian nationals, large-scale communal strife, or an exodus of refugees -- all of which would intensify Indian concerns -- a deliberate Indian move still appears unlikely. The government of Bangladesh is aware of these concerns and has taken positive steps to allay them. Nevertheless, given the instability of the government in Dacca it is impossible to estimate whether or when any of these developments will occur. Additionally, given the emotional impact of such events, the pressures within India to act might increase markedly on short notice.

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- 4. Other recent developments include:
- -- Increasingly shrill criticism of recent events in Dacca by the censored Indian press. The press has appeared to overplay the threat to

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